

**WARREN COMMUNITY DISTRICT #205  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Wednesday, October 21, 2009**

**I. OPENING OF MEETING**

**A. Call to Order**

The regular session of the Warren Community Unit District #205 Board of Education meeting was held in the Board Room. President Sabinson call the meeting to order at 6:32PM.

**B. Roll Call**

Those present were Mullen, Riedl, Bohnsack, Wuebben, Willams and Sabinson. Also present were DeeDee Calow, Francis Fennell, Karen Sirgany, Bill Kussner, Julie Thompson and Kristi Leverton. Rogers arrived at 6:33PM. Dean Brinkmeier arrived at 7:08PM.

**II. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

**III. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kody Kaiser came to the meeting to achieve his Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge for Boy Scouts.

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS**

**V. WARREN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION COMMENTS**

**VI. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Sabinson reported on the following: AVC - house was sold for \$205,000. AVC is trying to get East Dubuque to considering joining the AVC; this would bring price to attend down for all schools participating.

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes from 9/16/09**
- B. Executive Session Minutes from 9/16/09**
- C. Payment of October Bills**
- D. Treasurer's Report**
- E. Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recording – 4/16/08**

Williams made motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented, second by Rogers. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Building Update

Kussner reported on the following:

- 1) There is a 911 problem where one can inadvertently dial 911. He is trying to solve this problem with a telephone switch. People would have to dial 9-911. If the school would use the 9-911 system, there will be informational stickers posted on the phones and staff will be educated on how to use it so as not to cause undue problems in the future. Updates will be distributed as they are done.
- 2) Bill also touched on the Illinois Sustainable Schools Compact – this compact in cooperation with the Governor’s Office outlines the marked goals to be accomplished by December 31, 2010. Some of these are: Operations - conserve energy, lower carbon emissions, encourage recycling, reduce fuel consumption and pollution from school transportation, minimize the use of chemical fertilizers/follow conservative watering schedule. **Building & Grounds** – improve energy efficiency, convert school rooftop to a green roof or white reflective roof, retrofit existing electrical and water fixtures with high-efficiency models. **Curriculum** – participate in environmental community projects, integrate environmental studies and green career development programs into school curriculum.
- 3) Kussner reported “Virex” has been given to Thill for all of the buses to be used for prevention of the spread of the flu. The school is doing well with wiping down the handrails, bathrooms, etc. Kussner will send note out to teachers and coaches as a reminder.

Bohnsack mentioned the orange tarp between the stage and the commons. Kussner will see it is moved and stored.

### B. Athletic Update

Brinkmeier reported on the following:

- 1) Softball Survey was reviewed showing the number of students interested from grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) Golf Tournament was not finished due to rain. Nobis and Taylor went to Sectionals.

- 3) Senior Night in Football is this Friday
- 4) High School Volleyball last game is tonight. Regionals will be in Lena.
- 5) Jr. High Basketball first game is Monday night.
- 6) Basketball practice started for junior high boys right after football was done for the season.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Resolution providing for the Issue of General Obligation Refunding School Bonds for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District.**

Wuebben made motion to approve the Resolution providing for the issue of General Obligation Refunding School Bonds for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District as presented, second by Rogers. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Rogers made motion to approve the Bond Escrow Resolution as presented, second by Riedl. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

### **B. Open Snow Bids**

Riedl made motion to accept Albert Mittlesteadt for snow removal at Warren for the 2009-2010 school year at a cost of \$65.00 per hour/per unit, second by Williams. Roll call vote taken, Mullen, Riedl, Rogers, Wuebben, Williams and Sabinson in favor, Bohnsack opposed. Motion carried.

### **C. Board Policy Approval of Foreign Exchange Students**

Wuebben made motion to approve Policy 7:50 – School Admissions and School Transfers To and From Non District Schools – limiting the number of foreign exchange students to 2 per year, second by Rogers. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

### **D. School Report Card**

Wuebben made motion to approve the School Report Card as presented, second by Bohnsack. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**E. ISAT**

**F. Period Day**

Williams made motion to start working on the pros and cons of an 8 period day, second by Reidl. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**G. Health Insurance Update**

Insurance rates came in at 18% from Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Dr. Sirgany requested they reevaluate the information and requote it.

**H. Evaluation Plan for Certified Staff/Job Descriptions**

Rogers made motion to approve Evaluation Plan for Certified Staff including Job Descriptions, second by Mullen. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion Carried.

**I. AUP and CIPA Filter**

Riedl made motion to accept the AUP and CIPA Filter Policies as written, second by Williams. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**J. First Policy Reading**

Bohnsack made motion to approve the first reading of the following policies: 2:20 – Powers and Duties of the School Board; 2:40 – Board Member Qualifications; 2:70-E – Checklist for Filling Board Vacancies by Appointment; 2:110 – Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Members; 3:40 – Superintendent; 4:30 – Revenue and Investments; 4:40 – Incurring Debt; 4:100 – Insurance Management; 4:110 – Transportation; 4:110-AP2 – Post-Trip Inspection and Bus Driving Comments; 4:140 – Waiver of Student Fees; 4:140-E1 – Application for Fee Waiver; 5:30 – Hiring Process and Criteria; 5:90 – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting; 5:100 – Staff Development Program; 5:120 – Ethics; 5:120-AP2 – Employee Conduct Standards; 5:250 – Leaves of Absence; 5:280 – Duties and Qualifications; Sick Days, Vacations, Holidays, and Leaves; 6:110 – Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program; 6:330 –

Graduation Requirements; 6:300-E1 – Application for a Diploma for Veterans of WWII, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam Conflict; 6:310 – Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs, and Course Substitutions; 6:320 – High School Credit for Proficiency; 6:340 – Student Testing and Assessment Program; 7:100 – Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students; 7:190 – Student Discipline; 7:240 – Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities; 7:300 – Extracurricular Athletics; m8:100 – Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies, second by Rogers. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**K. Professional Development Focus and RtI**

It was noted by Dr. Sirgany, Mr. Fennell and Mrs. Calow that the staff is working very hard on this and are doing a very nice job.

**L. ARMS**

The board is continuing to find out the facts concerning ARMS and closing the facility.

**M. Junior High Football**

Still in the discussion phase.

**N. Library Per Capita Grant Approval**

Reidl made motion to approve the Library Per Capita Grant as written, second by Wuebben. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**O. November Board Convention**

No one can attend the convention this year.

**X. ADMINISTRATORS' COMMENTS**

Dr. Sirgany reported on the following:

- 1) Grandparents Day was 9/17 & 9/23 with standing room only in the multi-purpose room,
- 2) Kip, Karen and Nolan attended the Acciona open house on 9/18 where the district received a plaque,
- 3) 9/21 was the disaster drill, which went well. Fire and Police Departments worked well with the school district and will be meeting again to discuss improvement,

- 4) 2<sup>nd</sup> round of RtI meetings were September 28,
- 5) 9/29 was the Healthier Generation Meeting where a committee is working on ways to make the students healthier,
- 6) On 10/5 went to an Update on School Law,
- 7) Attended NW Special Education meeting on 10/14
- 8) On 10/15 Galena Rotary (Dwight Bischel) gave dictionaries to the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders,
- 9) Tomorrow is SIP day. AED training is being offered by Lucas Bourquin, future.
- 10) 11/6 is the “Warren’s Got Talent” show
- 11) Touched on the H1N1 – best practices to help teachers and students stay healthy.

Mr. Fennell reported on the following:

- 1) P/T conferences to be held next week,
- 2) Warren hosted conference, did very nice job, made money,
- 3) Katy Davies and Kelly Mahoney did a fine job with Homecoming. Lots of positive comments from parents,
- 4) Quarter ends Friday,
- 5) The English Department is working on a rubric used for writing,
- 6) RtI – Mr. Korth working with students in math & reading. Survey given to teachers,
- 7) Kristy Leitzen is back and gave the PSAT test to the 5 juniors who signed up,
- 8) Football survey – will have for the Board at the November meeting,
- 9) Attended IPA Conference in Peoria – good workshops with good networking with other administrators,
- 10) Touched on the possibility of students auditing a class. Will bring information to next Board meeting.

Mrs. Calow reported on the following:

- 1) Evacuation drill will be held at ARMS in the spring,
- 2) “Walk across America” rep at school – students walked path,
- 3) Auto Skill training for teachers is going well,
- 4) PTO did a great job at Pumpkin Fest,
- 5) Pictures came in today, had new company doing the photos at each building,
- 6) 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade were on field trips,
- 7) Had 2<sup>nd</sup> monthly reward party. It rained so the staff did indoor activities and did a nice job. 10/30 is the set for the 3<sup>rd</sup> one,
- 8) Attending RtI meeting at Woodbine Bend,
- 9) IPA Conference was very informative and it is great to have the opportunity to network,

- 10) Homecoming Boosters did a very good job of keeping things running smoothly. Over 500 cups of hot chocolate sold at the concession stand,
- 11) Parent/Teacher conferences will be Thursday and Friday.

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – For the purpose of the discussion of the appointment, employment, resignation, or dismissal of personnel and student discipline.**

Mullen made motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:45PM, second by Rogers. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Bohnsack made motion to return to regular session at 10:52PM, second by Mullen. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**XII. BUSINESS CONTINUED**

**A. Resignation/Dismissal of Personnel**

Wuebben made motion to accept the retirement of Gwen Hay with regret effective December 24, 2009, second by Williams. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**B. Employment of Personnel**

Rogers made motion to hire Crystal Barker for Auto Skills/Part-Time Aide in Apple River Middle School, second by Riedl. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**C. Student Discipline**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Williams made motion to adjourn at 10:54PM, second by Rogers. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.